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TOPIC Military Activities in the Werder-Markendorf Area

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1. The following columns were observed in the Werder-Markendorf area between 4 and 13 June 1955:

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4 June. Four trucks, each occupied by approximately 20 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, from the direction of Forst Zinna toward Camp Werder-Markendorf (3211).

8 June. Between 35 and 40 T-34/85 tanks from the Weltersdorf Forest toward Camp Werder-Markendorf.

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10 June. Two buses and 17 trucks, each occupied by approximately 20 officers, from the direction of Camp Werder-Markendorf toward Forst Zinna.

11 June. Approximately 30 T-34/85 tanks from the direction of Forst Zinna to Camp Werder-Markendorf.

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12 June. Approximately 35 T-34/85 tanks on Highway No 101 en route toward Luckenwalde.

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13 June. Three trucks carrying potatoes and towing 1 trailer each from the direction of Forst Zinna toward Camp Werder-Markendorf.

2. On 10 June, a total of approximately 180 soldiers with shovels reconditioned a road which led from NeuhoF westward to Highway No 101.¹

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3. On 10 June, a major tent camp was seen west of the Jueterbog-Luckenwalde railroad line, south of the former village of Zinna. Approximately 100 vehicles and more than 50 x 37-mm AA guns were parked in the vicinity of the tents. A second tent camp was located west of the Jueterbog-Luckenwalde railroad line, southwest of the Adolf Hitler Camp. Reports of 120-mm artillery pieces were heard from this area.

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5. At 1000 on 22 June, some 20 factory-new T-54 tanks were seen near the loading ramp of the Forst Zinna railroad station. Since the tanks were partly crated, it was the impression that they had just been unloaded. A large tent camp with Soviet troops was seen west of the Jueterbog-Forst Zinna railroad line.

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1. Comment. The observations tend to indicate that the 7th Gds Tank Div, which transferred from Dessau to Jueterbog in late April 1955, occupied the Werder-Markendorf summer camp.

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2. Comment. Provided that all shipments from the USSR which went to Dessau after November 1954 and to Forst Zinna after June 1955 and apparently involved tanks, were bound for the 7th Gds Tank Div, the division received more than 270 new tanks.

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